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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.29.056 and 1997 c 37 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1)(a) Subject to section 3 of this act and (c) of this subsection,
6 dental hygienists licensed under this chapter with two years' practical
7 clinical experience with a licensed dentist within the preceding five
8 years may be employed or retained by health care facilities to perform
9 authorized dental hygiene operations and services without dental
10 supervision, limited to removal of deposits and stains from the
11 surfaces of the teeth, application of topical preventive or
12 prophylactic agents, polishing and smoothing restorations, and
13 performance of root planing and soft-tissue curettage, but shall not
14 perform injections of anesthetic agents, administration of nitrous
15 oxide, or diagnosis for dental treatment.

16 (b) The performance of dental hygiene operations and services in
17 health care facilities shall be limited to patients, students, and
18 residents of the facilities.

19 (c) A dental hygienist employed or retained to perform services
20 under this section in a senior center must, before providing services:

21 (i) Enter into a written practice arrangement plan, approved by the
22 department, with a dentist licensed in this state, under which the
23 dentist will provide off-site supervision of the dental services
24 provided. This agreement does not create an obligation for the dentist
25 to accept referrals of patients receiving services under the program;

26 (ii) Collect data on the patients treated by dental hygienists
27 under the program, including age, treatments rendered, insurance
28 coverage, if any, and patient referral to dentists. This data must be
29 submitted to the department of health at the end of each annual
30 quarter, commencing October 1, 2007; and

1 (iii) Obtain information from the patient's primary health care
2 provider about any health conditions of the patient that would be
3 relevant to the provision of preventive dental care. The information
4 may be obtained by the dental hygienist's direct contact with the
5 provider or through a written document from the provider that the
6 patient presents to the dental hygienist.

7 (d) For dental planning and dental treatment, dental hygienists
8 shall refer patients to licensed dentists.

9 (2) For the purposes of this section((7)):

10 (a) "Health care facilities" are limited to hospitals; nursing
11 homes; home health agencies; group homes serving the elderly,
12 ((handicapped)) individuals with disabilities, and juveniles; state-
13 operated institutions under the jurisdiction of the department of
14 social and health services or the department of corrections; and
15 federal, state, and local public health facilities, state or federally
16 funded community and migrant health centers, and tribal clinics. Until
17 July 1, 2009, "health care facilities" also include senior centers.

18 (b) "Senior center" means a multipurpose community facility
19 operated and maintained by a nonprofit organization or local government
20 for the organization and provision of a broad spectrum of health,
21 social, nutritional, and educational services and recreational
22 activities for persons sixty years of age or older.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.29.220 and 2001 c 93 s 3 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 ~~((1))~~ For low-income, rural, and other at-risk populations and in
26 coordination with local public health jurisdictions and local oral
27 health coalitions, a dental hygienist licensed in this state ~~((as of~~
28 ~~April 19, 2001,))~~ may assess for and apply sealants and apply fluoride
29 varnishes, and may remove deposits and stains from the surfaces of
30 teeth until July 1, 2009, in community-based sealant programs carried
31 out in schools:

32 (1) Without attending the department's school sealant endorsement
33 program((-)) if the dental hygienist was licensed as of April 19, 2001;
34 or

35 ~~((For low income, rural, and other at risk populations and in~~
36 ~~coordination with local public health jurisdictions and local oral~~
37 ~~health coalitions,))~~ If the dental hygienist((s who are)) is school

1 sealant endorsed under RCW 43.70.650 (~~may assess for and apply~~
2 ~~sealants and fluoride varnishes in community based sealant programs~~
3 ~~carried out in schools~~)).

4 A hygienist providing services under this section must collect data
5 on patients treated, including age, treatment rendered, methods of
6 reimbursement for treatment, evidence of coordination with local public
7 health jurisdictions and local oral health coalitions, and patient
8 referrals to dentists. These data must be submitted to the department
9 of health at the end of each annual quarter, commencing October 1,
10 2007.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 A dental hygienist participating in a program under RCW 18.29.056
14 that involves providing services at senior centers, as defined in RCW
15 18.29.056, or under RCW 18.29.220 that involves removing deposits and
16 stains from the surfaces of teeth in a community-based sealant program
17 must:

18 (1) Provide the patient or, if the patient is a minor, the parent
19 or legal guardian of the patient, if reasonably available, with written
20 information that includes at least the following:

21 (a) A notice that the treatment being given under the program is
22 not a comprehensive oral health care service, but is provided as a
23 preventive service only; and

24 (b) A recommendation that the patient should be examined by a
25 licensed dentist for comprehensive oral health care services; and

26 (2) Assist the patient in obtaining a referral for further dental
27 planning and treatment, including providing a written description of
28 methods and sources by which a patient may obtain a referral, if
29 needed, to a dentist, and a list of licensed dentists in the community.
30 Written information should be provided to the parent on the potential
31 needs of the patient.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The secretary of health, in consultation
33 with representatives of dental hygienists and dentists, shall provide
34 a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December
35 1, 2008, that:

1 (1) Provides a summary of the information about patients receiving
2 dental services in senior centers that is collected under RCW
3 18.29.056(1)(c)(ii), and in community-based sealant programs carried
4 out in schools under RCW 18.29.220, and describing the dental health
5 outcomes, including both effects on dental health and adverse
6 incidents, if any, related to the services these patients receive under
7 the programs; and

8 (2) Makes recommendations, as appropriate, with regard to the
9 services that could be appropriately provided by dental hygienists in
10 senior centers and community-based sealant programs carried out in
11 schools, and the effects on dental health of patients treated."

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12 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "hygiene;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.29.056 and
14 18.29.220; adding a new section to chapter 18.29 RCW; and creating a
15 new section."

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